

1 the budget bill has been enacted. Within 10 days following
2 passage of the budget bill by both houses of the General
3 Assembly, the governor may reduce or strike out any
4 appropriation contained in the budget bill, and each reduc-
5 tion or veto of an appropriation item shall be effective
6 unless overridden by a vote of three-fifths of all the
7 members of each house of the General Assembly within 10
8 days after action of the governor.

9 THE CHAIRMAN: Amendment No. 2 has been submit-
10 ted by Delegate Hanson, and it is seconded by a number of
11 the other sponsors.

12 The Chair recognizes Delegate Hanson to speak
13 to the amendment.

14 DELEGATE HANSON: Mr. Chairman, this amendment,
15 if adopted by this committee and ultimately by the Conven-
16 tion, would brige Maryland's budgetary process in
17 line with modern State practice, and in line with modern
18 fiscal authority.

19 It would increase the power of the legislature
20 in the budgetary process.

21 Let me first explain why I believe it is